

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A panel structure comprising:

a flexible panel having a first side edge and a second side edge, the first and second side edges being opposing edges of the flexible panel;

~~an~~ first and second edge strips, the first edge strip cooperating with ~~an~~ the first side edge portion of the flexible panel and the second edge strip cooperating with the second side edge of the flexible panel, the ~~strip~~ first and second edges strips each having at least one mounting member receiving area provided thereon, the at least one mounting member receiving area being dimensioned to receive a mounting member therein; and

a ~~mounting~~ biasing member cooperating with the strip having first and second opposed ends, the first end of the biasing member being attached to the first edge strip and the second end of the biasing member being attached to second edge strip to maintain the ~~flexible~~ panel in a flexed configuration.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the length of the biasing member ~~can vary~~ is adjustable to allow the flexible panel to be retained at different stressed positions, whereby the aesthetic appearance of the flexible panel may be varied.

4. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim 1, ~~wherein the mounting member is a~~ comprising first and second support member which extends from members, the first support member being attached to the mounting member receiving area and ~~cooperates with the flexible panel to suspend the~~ first edge strip and the second support member being attached to the second edge strip, whereby the flexible panel can be suspended from a surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim 1, wherein ~~the strip~~ each of the first and second edge strips has a panel receiving recess extending from an edge ~~of the strip thereof~~, the panel receiving recess having opposed side walls, the opposed side walls being spaced apart from one another at a distance which is slightly larger than the thickness of the flexible panel, whereby the flexible panel can be easily inserted into the panel receiving recess.

6. (Original) The panel structure of claim 5, wherein the panel receiving recess extends the entire length of the strip.

7. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim 5, comprising mounting tape having two major surfaces, the mounting tape being attached to the flexible panel proximate ~~an edge~~ the first and second opposed edges of the flexible panel ~~being inserted into the panel receiving recess~~, the tape having adhesive properties on both major surfaces, whereby the tape will adhere to a respective side wall of the panel receiving

recess to prevent the flexible panel from moving relative to the longitudinal axis of the panel receiving recess.

8. (Original) The panel structure of claim 7, wherein a cover is provided on a major surface of the tape, the cover is configured to be removed after the edge of the flexible panel is inserted into the panel receiving recess.

9. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim 5, wherein each of the first and second edge strips has an arcuate channel is provided ~~in the strip~~ therein, the arcuate channel being spaced from the panel receiving recess and positioned proximate to an edge of the strip.

10. (Original) The panel structure of claim 9, wherein a longitudinal slot extends from the arcuate channel to the edge of the strip, the longitudinal slot being dimensioned such that the spacing between side surfaces of the longitudinal slot is less than the diameter of the arcuate channel.

11. (Original) The panel structure of claim 10, wherein an enlarged receiving cavity is provided proximate the mounting member receiving area, the enlarged receiving cavity extending from the arcuate channel and intersecting the longitudinal slot.

12. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim ~~10~~ 9, wherein at least one mounting member receiving slot is provided in the mounting member receiving area, the

at least one mounting member receiving slot extending ~~from the edge~~ through the surface of the strip ~~to~~ and into the arcuate channel, the longitudinal axis of the at least one mounting member receiving slot being essentially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the arcuate channel.

13. (Currently Amended) The panel structure of claim 12, wherein a mounting cylinder is attached to ~~an~~ each end of the ~~mounting~~ biasing member, the diameter of the mounting cylinder being less than the diameter of the arcuate channel, whereby the mounting cylinder can be inserted into and move in the arcuate channel in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the arcuate channel.

14. (Currently Amended) A suspended ceiling structure comprising:

a flexible panel;

a strip, the strip cooperating with an edge portion of the flexible panel and having at least one mounting member receiving area provided thereon, the at least one mounting member receiving area having at least one receiving slot and being dimensioned to receive a mounting member therein, and wherein an arcuate channel is provided in the strip, the arcuate channel being spaced from the panel receiving recess and positioned proximate to an edge of the strip;

a mounting member, the mounting member cooperating with the strip to maintain the flexible panel; and

a pin, the pin being insertable into a respective end of the arcuate channel and having at least one clip receiving recess provided thereon proximate an end of the pin, the

clip receiving recess being alignable with the at least one mounting member receiving slot.

15. (Original) The suspended ceiling structure of claim 14, comprising a clip, the clip being insertable through the at least one mounting member receiving slot, the clip cooperating with the clip receiving recess to maintain the pin in position relative to the panel structure.

16. (Original) The suspended ceiling structure of claim 15, comprising a mounting bracket, the mounting bracket cooperating with an exposed end of the pin, the pin being dimensioned to allow the exposed end of the pin to project beyond the mounting bracket, whereby as the mounting bracket is mounted to a surface, the cooperation of the pin with the mounting bracket maintains the panel structure in position relative to the surface.

17. (Original) The suspended ceiling structure of claim 15, comprising a spacer, the spacer cooperating with an exposed end of the pin, the pin being dimensioned to allow the exposed end of the pin to project beyond the spacer, whereby as a second panel structure is moved proximate the free end of the pin, the pin and spacer cooperating with the second panel structure to maintain the second panel structure in proper position with respect to the first panel structure.

18-19. (Cancelled)